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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM UNA

FOL RPT HAVANA 1357 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO NACB COLLECTIVE
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L HAVANA 1357

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: SECOND DAY OF MINISTERIALS

1. SUMMARY: MINISTERIAL-LEVEL POLITICAL COMMISSION, FRIDAY, MAY 19,
APPROVED COMPROMISE TEXT OF SAHARA WHICH TOUGHENED CUBAN INITIAL
DRAFT, BUT DID NOT OVERTLY CONDEMN MOROCCO, MAURITANIA OR FRANCE.
MIDDLE EAST QUESTION GOES TO POLITICAL COMMISSION, MAY 20. ZAIRE
INVASION AND ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA STILL NOT RAISED. END SUMMARY.

2. THREE TEXTS OF SAHARA WERE DISCUSSED IN DRAFTING GROUP, MAY 18-19
-ORIGINAL CUBAN DRAFT (SEE HAVANA 1343), AN ALGERIAN AMENDMENT WHICH
CONDEMNED MOROCCAN, MAURITANIAN AND APPARENTLY FRENCH INTERVENTION,
AND A ZAIRE AMENDMENT WHICH REPRESENTED MOROCCAN/MAURITANIAN POSITION

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TEXT WHICH EMERGED FROM DRAFTING GROUP, MAY 19, AND WHICH SUBSEQUENTL
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WAS APPROVED BY MINISTERIAL POLITICAL COMMISSION (THOUGH NOT YET
PLENARY) WAS DESCRIBED BY MOROCCANS AS BASICALLY COMPROMISE
BETWEEN CUBAN AND ALGERIAN TEXTS, WITH VERY LITTLE ZAIRE INPUT. TEXT
CONTAINS NO CONDEMNATIONS, BUT CITES REMAINS OF COLONIAL PAST IN
SAHARA AND NEED TO REMOVE THEM. SEVERAL NATIONS (INCLUDING CHAD,
NIGER, AND INDONESIA) WILL APPARENTLY EXPRESS RESERVATIONS IF BUREAU

APPROVES TEXT AS IT NOW STANDS. MOROCCANS ARE NOT GREATLY CONCERNED BECAUSE, NOT BEING MEMBERS OF BUREAU, THEY WILL BE IN POSITION AT BELGRADE TO EXPRESS STRONG DISAGREEMENT WITH TEXT.

3. MIDDLE EAST TEXT APPARENTLY PASSES FROM DRAFTING GROUP TO MINISTERIAL POLITICAL COMMISSION, MAY 20. NO INFORMATION IS YET AVAILABLE ON MAY 19 DEBATES.

4. ON AFRICA, DRAFTING GROUP AND POLITICAL COMMISSION APPARENTLY HAVE APPROVED REVISED TEXT PUT FORWARD BY AFRICAN CAUCUS. TEXT SHARPLY CRITICIZES TURNHALLE GROUP IN NAMIBIA AND "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" IN ZIMBABWE, BUT DOES NOT DIRECTLY ATTACK WESTERN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES

PATRIOTIC FRONT AND SWAPO ARE PRAISED. ZAIRE INVASION IS NOT MENTIONED, BUT POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON ANGOLA IS CONDEMNED. ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA (INCLUDING ERITREA) IS NOT MENTIONED.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, IN MAY 19 MINISTERIAL PLENARY SESSIONS, FOLLOWING MINISTERS OR OFFICIALS SPOKE:

--LIBERIA (DENIS CECIL) CITED UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

--PLO (IBRAHIM SHAFIQ AL HOUT) DENOUNCED ISRAELI POLICY AND US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL.

--ALGERIAN (ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA) CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF SAHARA RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE. CONDEMNED FRENCH INTERVENTION IN FOREIGN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. (WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER ZAIRE INTERVENTION WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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CITED.)

--SUDAN (MUSTAFA MEDANI - UN REP) TALKED ABOUT NAM ORGANIZATION.

--ZAMBIA (G.B. SILWIZYA) PRAISED PATRIOTIC FRONT AND SWAPO AND CONDEMNED RHODESIA INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

--GUYANA (RASHLEIGH JACKSON) SPOKE ON NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND CONDEMNED WESTERN INTERVENTION IN FOREIGN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

--JAMAICA (HUGH SMALL-MIN OF YOUTH) CALLED FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR ALL COLONIAL AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN CARIBBEAN. (WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER PURETO RICA WAS RAISED IN THIS CONTEXT.)

--NIGERIA (LESLIE HARRIMAN - UN REP) SAID WEST IS USING EXCUSE OF CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA TO COVER UP ITS OWN EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS EMERGING NATIONS.

--CHAD (GALMAI GOUSSOUBOMI KIRBIS) CALLED FOR NAM HELP IN CONCILIATING

BETWEEN CONTENDING FORCES IN CHAD.

--TANZANIA (SALIM AHMED SSALIM) CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON ANGOLA AND CITED NAMIBIA, BELIZE, SAHARA, AND MALVINAS (FAULKLAND ISLANDS) AS EXAMPLES OF CONTINUED COLONIALISM.

--ANGOLA (PAULO JORGE) CRITICIZED SAME STATES IN NAM WHO HAVE ADOPTED OVERLY ACCOMMODATING POSITIONS TOWARD WEST.

--VIETNAM (NGUYEN VAN HIEU - MIN CULTURE) PRAISED NAM POLITICAL PRINCIPLES.

--YUGOSLAVIA (JOSIP VRHOVEC) SPOKE ABOUT UPCOMING BELGRADE MINISTERIA

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--ZAIRE (KABEYA WA MUKEBA) SPOKE ABOUT SAHARA, BUT APPARENTLY DID NOT RAISE ZAIRE INVASION.

--INDONESIA EMPHASIZED NEED FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT.

--SYRIA (ABDEL KARIM ALI) ATTACKED SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL AS STRENGTHENING OF ZIONISM.

--AFGHANISTAN (HAFIZULLA AMIN) CALLED FOR PEACEFUL DIALOGUE WITH PAKISTAN ON BALUCHI AND PUSHTANI PROBLEMS.

--GUINEA (LANZANA DIANE-MIN JUSTICE) SPOKE ON MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. GLASSMAN
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